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Lex Davison Bar at Pub Corner

The aluminum-bodied Triumph TR2 peeks out the window at visitors to the bar named after famed Australian racer Lex Davison (1923-1965). Davison was a four-time Australian Grand Prix winner whose career was cut short by a heart attack he sustained while practicing for the International 100. Pub Corner is on a section of the former Longford Circuit in Longford, Tasmania. The circuit was a 4.5-mile road race course used extensively in the 1960s by such names as Jack Brabham, Phil Hill, Jackie Stewart and Bruce McLaren. Today the full circuit is gone but the town still holds the annual Longford Revival Festival. Photo courtesy David Churcher.

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Winter Marches On

Winter continues its march forward even though we are on the verge of turning the clocks ahead and Spring is barely a couple of weeks away. The cancellation of the January meeting and the Valentine's Day Dinner has only added to the frustration created by the endless snow storms, exhaustive shoveling, ice dams and home damage. The general consensus seems to be that we might see warm weather and green grass by sometime in July, making it just about ready for our Concours. Our cars are waiting

in silent anticipation to come to life, and once fired up will be driven with the pent up energy from the frustration of winter.

Thanks to a brief break in the continuous snowfall, we were able to navigate the maze of potholes to attend the February monthly meeting. Dennis Eklof started off the meeting with a brief presentation on using the JANE website for event registration and its benefits for the club history as well as future event managers. Member Glen McLachlan has decided it is time to update his computer from the old DOS platform he has been using for eternity to be able to register online. Keep your eyes on the website, as we will have a brand new site rolling out soon, thanks to the many hundreds, and I mean hundreds of hours Dennis has spent making the new version for us all to enjoy. I would ask that after you all visit the new site once it is live, you make an effort to thank him for all his hard work.

Faith Lamprey and Bruce Vild, from the *British Marque*, presented the history of their multi-marque car club newspaper. JANE has been a strong contributor to the *Marque* since 1990, providing calendar information and event reports. Faith and Bruce concluded their presentation with a drawing for several packages of custom Jaguar Christmas cards and two one-year subscriptions to the *British Marque*.

Ed Avis presented his membership report as submitted to JCNA and all things seem to indicate we are still the largest club, and we intend to stay that way. Concluding the report, Ed held a drawing for the free one-year membership to the club which was won by Andrew and Judy Picariello. Anyone who might not be familiar or has forgotten, the Board decided a couple of years ago to pool those members renewing before December 31st into a drawing for a free membership. This has increased our early renewal rate but we still have a long way to go.

JANE's delegates, Dave Moulton and Gus Niewenhaus, will soon be off to the JCNA AGM in Philadelphia. We will be looking forward to their report on the business meeting and any special events. The March monthly meeting will have the Brady Boys presenting their Le Mans adventures, complete with "scenery." Winding up the next few weeks will be our annual trip to Parker's Maple Barn for a great meal and locally produced maple syrup.

In closing this month's update, for those who might not have heard, the sad news came just a few weeks ago of the passing of our friend and club member Bruce McGeoch. Bruce came into our lives just a couple of years ago, and right from the start he jumped in with both feet and hands to help with the JCNA AGM, followed by our Concours. People often become frustrated with the little things in life, such as that window that didn't get painted right, or that picture that might not be in the right place on the right wall, or not winning first place at the Concours. Some contemplative introspection should tell us that we should be frustrated with the

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President's Message continued

holes in our lives that are left when those we hold dear depart, for whatever reason, and not all the little things. I was fortunate to be able to know Bruce as a friend and had many phone conversations with him while he was in the hospital, and he always maintained a positive attitude. We will miss you, Bruce.

Jim

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As of February 28th we have 253 new or renewing members in JANE. We ended 2014 with 305 members, so we have a long way to go to catch up! Help the cause by recruiting a new member this year!

Last week I mailed out 56 letters to those 2014 members who have not yet renewed for 2015. To date, three of those have renewed and seven have officially canceled their memberships for various reasons (citing such things as cost, distance from events, lost interest, and selling their Jag). This is the last formal membership renewal “push” for the year – hopefully some of the remaining 46 will still renew!

Our annual drawing from those who renewed their membership before the end of December was held at the Wayside Inn following our February meeting. Congratulations to our winners - Andy and Judy Picariello!

Cheers,

Ed Avis

Welcome New Members

John Anthony	Lee	Adamsville, RI	1983 XJ-S HE, 2007 XK, 2013 XJ AWD
Sven	Tilly	Yarmouth Port, MA	1990 XJ-S Conv.
Shelly Green & Edward	Marut	Methuen, MA	1969 E-Type FHC
John	Freeman	Bristol, ME	1962 Mk 2 Sedan

...And Former Members Who Rejoined

Harold	Jordan	Bow, NH	1967 E-Type FHC
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...And new Associate Members

Robert & Mary Beth	Gosende	Albany, NY	1964 Mk 2 Sedan
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2015 JANE Calendar

You may register for any JANE event online at www.j-a-n-e.org and pay in advance by credit card or PayPal

- Mar 20-21** JCNA AGM in Philadelphia
- Mar 25** JANE Monthly Meeting, annual Brady Brothers presentation on Le Mans, British Beer Co., Walpole, MA
- Mar 28** JANE Annual Spring Tour to Parker's Maple Barn for Brunch (Tentative)
- Apr 6** SCDA Track Day at Lime Rock, Lime Rock Park, CT
- Apr 22** SCDA Track Day at Thompson Speedway, Thompson, CT
- Apr 22** JANE Monthly Meeting (Program TBD), Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
- Apr 26** JANE Judges Training Session (Tentative)
- May 3** JCSNE Spring Slalom, New Britain, CT
- May 8** SCDA Track Day at NHMS, Loudon, NH
- May 23-24** JANE Magical Mystery Tour
- May 27** JANE Picnic on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA
- May 28** SCDA Track Day at Lime Rock, Lime Rock Park, CT
- May 29** Empire Club Drivers School at Lime Rock, Lime Rock Park, CT
- June 12-14** First Ever British Motorcar Festival, Bristol, RI
- June 14** First Annual British Motorcar Festival, Bristol, RI
- June 14** JCSNE Annual Concours, Middlefield, CT
- June 16** SCDA Track Day at Thompson Speedway, Thompson, CT
- June 20** JANE Spring Slalom
- June 24** JANE Monthly Meeting (Program TBD), Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
- June 28** LAAM British Car Day

*Dates above are only those confirmed at time of publishing.

Check this page for updates each month and for the most current events check the Calendar page at www.J-A-N-E.org.

March Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 7pm
Tom & John Brady's Annual Le Mans Presentation

British Beer Company
85 Providence Highway
Walpole, MA 02032

www.britishbeer.com



Don't forget, John and Tom Brady will be presenting their always-popular Le Mans story. Come and join the fun and see and hear all about it.

Their ongoing relationship with S F Moss.
Brady Camping Rules.
Driver's Parade and Mad Friday.
Meet Don, the triplet.
And of course ... the actual race!

Note that this is a different venue from our usual meetings. We will meet at the British Beer Company in Walpole, Massachusetts, where we will have a buffet dinner of Shepherd's Pie, Fish & Chips, salad, veggies, and dessert. As always, the buffet will be \$30 including tax and tip. There will be a cash bar and, of course, a large variety of draft and bottled beer.

Please register online on the JANE website ASAP. If you are not preregistered, but just show up, the fee at the door will be \$35.



Upcoming Events



Think Spring!

JANE's Spring Tour to Parker's Maple Barn
Tentatively

Sunday, March 29, 2015

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JANE Loses a Valued Member

Bruce McGeoch

By Dennis Eklof



All of us in JANE lost an energetic member and a good friend when Bruce McGeoch passed away on Monday, February 9, at the age of 64 after a short but hard-fought battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. On their frequent trips to the Boston area for JANE events, Bruce and his wife, Cyndy, often stayed with us prior to driving home the next day, so Prebble and I got to know Bruce quite well and are particularly grieved at his passing.

Bruce and Cyndy joined JANE in 2004 after returning east (to Burlington, Vermont) after a 20-year stint in California. In the past couple of years they became very active in JANE affairs. Bruce frequently drove down from their home in

Burlington, Vermont, just to attend JANE's monthly meetings. He took on the design and publication of the 2014 JCNA AGM program and the coordination of the AV equipment for the meeting. He chaired the 2014 JANE Concours, and much more. I will always remember Bruce and Cyndy crawling on the floor of the main ballroom at the Hyatt Regency doing the final hook-up of the AV equipment while everyone else was enjoying the pre-banquet cocktail party. That was quintessential Bruce – always going, always helping, and always willing to tackle anything.

We first learned of Bruce's lung issues when he and Cyndy shared the JANE house at the 2014 British Invasion. As the gravity of his illness became more apparent over the ensuing few months, Bruce maintained a positive and optimistic attitude. He continued to pursue his wide-ranging interests, including joining us for JANE's visit to David's House in November and at the Holiday Party in December. He remained positive even through the last time we saw him in mid-January, when he was hospitalized and on the waiting list for a lung transplant. We were greatly saddened that his condition deteriorated rapidly before one came available.

Bruce's interests were not limited to Jaguars – far from it. He had many other interests and hobbies including golf, wine (and we did share a few bottles), computers, traveling, UVM hockey, home renovation, renewable energy, single malt scotch (we tried a few together as well), hiking, boating, cooking, and much more. His family and friends have always been impressed by his positive attitude, unflagging determination, keen intellect, courage and generosity. He was a humble person who spent his life thinking about and caring for others.

Bruce was much loved and will be sorely missed by his large circle of family and friends. A celebration of Bruce's life will occur at the Vermont National Country Club in South Burlington on August 2nd.

Bruce was very grateful for the scholarship that allowed him to attend Cornell. He and Cyndy have set up a Cornell University scholarship fund to help other students like him. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family asks that donations be made to this fund. Checks should be made payable to Cornell University and sent to PO Box 25842, Lehigh Valley, PA 18003-9692. The memo line should include "Bruce and Cynthia McGeoch Perpetual Scholarship Fund, #0011654." Bruce's generosity also lives on through the miracle of organ donation.



British Marque Editors Talk at February Meeting

Bruce Vild and Faith Lamprey, publishers of *British Marque* Car Club News, were our featured speakers at our February meeting. Bruce and Faith told us all about their newspaper's humble beginnings 25 years ago, with only 11 clubs onboard, to their current publication with over 100 participating clubs coast to coast, and with both print and online editions. They've come a long way, and JANE is proud to be one of those participating clubs. If you missed the meeting and are not that familiar with *British Marque*, check them out at www.britishmarque.com.



President Jim Sambold (center) presents a “thank you” plaque to Bruce Vild and Faith Lamprey in appreciation for their talk on the *British Marque*. Photo courtesy Dennis Eklof.

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The Coventry Cat's "Restorations" Articles Now Available in Booklet Form

During the period starting in January 1999 and ending in January 2006, Carl Hanson wrote a series of 56 technical articles in *The Coventry Cat* describing his restoration of a 1951 XK120 Fixed Head Coupe (called "Blue Moon" by certain club members!). Unfortunately the original files have long since been lost, and there was no attempt to save them all in one document. During his recuperation from surgery in January, Carl scanned all the articles and collected them in one spiral-bound booklet. Each article is a scanned copy from the original issue, resulting in a variation of quality and font size. Despite the unevenness in quality, the collection documents what he went through to bring a barn-find back to the road. His experience may provide an example for others who may be starting out on a similar path.

For those of you who don't know, Carl started the project in the fall of 1995, and ten years later displayed the nearly completed car at the Jaguar club's Concours. Blue Moon's first major outing was JANE's Tour of Nova Scotia in July 2006. Since then, the car has won many awards at car shows in the Northeast including the British Invasion in Vermont, Saratoga Springs Foreign Car Show in New York, Owls Head Foreign Car Festival in Maine, Lime Rock Vintage Festival in Connecticut, and JANE's Annual Concours in Massachusetts. Perhaps the most significant recognition came when Jaguar Land Rover North America selected it for display during the introduction of the new F-Type Coupé at the 2014 Amelia Island Concours in Florida.¹ The oldest coupé in the country shown next to the newest coupé was the theme.

If you would like to order a copy of the booklet, fill out the form below and send with payment to Carl Hanson (not to JANE) as directed. The charge depends on how you want it to be delivered...\$25 at a JANE meeting, \$30 mailed to an address in New England (MA, CT, RI, VT, NH, ME), \$35 mailed outside of New England in the USA. Any profit over cost will be donated to JANE.

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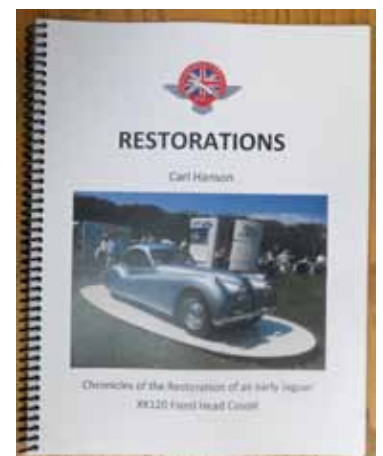
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¹ See *The Coventry Cat*, April 2014 for further description.

JANE's Online Event Registration

By Dennis Eklof

OK, this is a sales pitch. **Please use JANE's online event registration system.** It's quick, it's easy, and it really helps event coordinators plan their events.

One of the things that make JANE such a great club is the willingness of our members to take on the planning, organizing, and running of our many events. Using the JANE online registration system is your chance to help them out. Whether it's finalizing dinner arrangements with the Wayside Inn, getting a handle on how many cars will be at the Concours, or arranging lunch for Slalom attendees, advance notice and easy access to an up-to-date attendance list makes the task so much easier.

And it's easier for you, too! Not only can you register online for an event with a few simple mouse clicks, you can also pre-pay with any credit card.

From an Event Email



There are four ways to register online. The easiest is from any email you receive about the event, and there are usually several. Any event-related email will contain a **Register Now** button. Since the email is sent personally to you, the "button" knows who you are, and clicking it will instantly log you on to the JANE website and take you directly to the relevant event registration form. Once you get to the form, you will see that all the personal information about you is already filled out, and all the event information is already filled out. For simple events like monthly meetings, all you have to do is click whether or not your co-member will be joining you, and select your preferred payment method.

For a more complex event such as the Concours there are a couple of other clicks involved, such as whether you will be attending the Saturday Banquet or Sunday Poker Run, and what car you will be entering. And you don't even have to fill in the car information. If the car is already listed in your Member Profile, a single mouse click will present you with a menu containing your cars, and another click will fill in the car registration part of the registration form.

Once you register, the JANE website will automatically send you a confirming email and send a confirming email to the event coordinator. And the website is always available – no more phone tag, missed emails, etc. Also, once you register on-line, you won't get any more nagging email announcements urging you to register for the event.

If you choose to pay by credit card, you click the appropriate button to go to our credit card service provider, PayPal. You can use the credit card of your choice, and you do not need to have a PayPal account. JANE never sees any of your credit card information, it is handled entirely by PayPal. You will receive confirmation of payment directly from PayPal. PayPal also sends an automated confirmation to JANE's server so your payment can be automatically reflected in your JANE account.

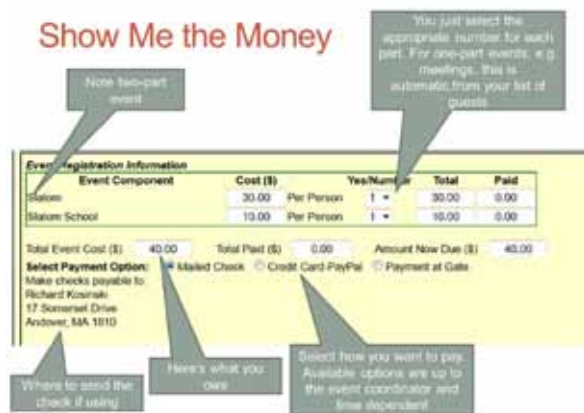
A screenshot of the "JANE Event Registration Form" with several callout boxes. The form is titled "What's Registration Like? Easy!" and includes fields for event information, attendee information, and payment options. Callouts include: "Event info all filled in", "Personal info all filled in. If changed, your profile is updated", "Check off co-member and add guests", and "Opt out of being shown as attendee (visible only to JANE members)".

The other three ways to register online are a tiny bit more difficult – you have to go to the JANE website and log in yourself. Once you do so, there will be a **Register Now** button for the next three coming events on the JANE home page. Going to the **Calendar**, there will be **Register Now** buttons for all upcoming JANE events. Finally, clicking any event title will bring up a page of details about the event, and there will be a **Register Now** button on that detail page.

But there are more advantages to online registration. From your perspective, you can view a list of other JANE members who have registered online. Note that this list is available only to active JANE members, not guest members or casual browsers. Also, you can opt out of being included in the list even if you are registered. From the coordinator's point of view, there are several options for getting up-to-date reports on who is signed up, payment status, etc., prior to the event, and post-event accounting for attendance, drop-ins, and no-shows.

Finally, now that we have an online system to track event attendance, the information is very helpful to your club's Board for planning future events. We have already made schedule changes for 2015 based on 2014 attendance results. You might find the accompanying table of 2014 attendance results interesting.

I have included a couple of screen shots to give you an idea of how the system works, but the best way to understand it is to use it for the next event you plan to attend.



JANE Event Attendance - 2014 (excludes non-Members)

	Members Only		Members & Guests	
	Memberships	People	Memberships	People
Total Attendance\	662	1022	879	1379
Total Monthly Meetings	269	380	285	404
Total Excluding JCNA AGM	519	772	559	824
Jan. Meeting - Dean Cusano	19	24	21	26
Valentines Dinner	15	30	15	30
Feb. Meeting - Bradys, Le Mans	29	40	31	43
F1 Boston	9	10	9	10
AGM MIT Museum	55	99	116	204
AGM Awards Banquet	45	77	111	185
AGM Larz Anderson Jazz Brunch	43	74	93	166
Apr. Meeting (Amelia Island)	32	46	32	46
Judges training	13	13	13	13
Bar Harbor Tour	20	36	21	38
May LAAM Picnic	54	82	56	86
June Meeting - Gus Niewenhou	41	65	45	70
Spring Slalom	8	11	7	10
July Meeting - Michael Kaleel	30	42	31	43
Myopia Polo	15	33	16	34
Concours Car Entry	45	47	59	61
Concours Dinner	33	55	34	57
Poker Run	14	24	15	24
Potluck Picnic (Eklofs)	31	53	32	56
Autumn Slalom	6	8	6	8
Sept. Meeting - Hagerty Ins.	36	44	38	46
Autojumble	2	3	3	4
Oct. Meeting - Jake Kaplan	28	37	31	44
David's House Tour	5	8	5	8
AGM and Holiday Party	34	61	37	67


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Attend a High Performance Driving School? Why?

Why, Indeed!

by Dave Moulton

Alert readers may recall that I ended my last article for *The Coventry Cat*, about my experiences at the Jaguar High Performance Driving Academy, with a threat/warning/promise to share with you why I think we should all seriously consider undertaking such training.

Some Background, Just So You Know . . .

Over the past eight years I've been working, as a retirement project, on a book about how to drive really well and safely on public roads. I've been hard at work studying driving excellence, automobile safety, various automobile technologies, and our motoring world. And in addition to actually reading all that dreary auto safety research stuff, I've been going out into the field and observing things like congestion formations and left turn habits, as well as studying the driving habits of the freckled nitwit. I also started taking every high performance driving course I could afford, to acquire as much driving craft as I possibly could in order to grow my skillset and to try to understand how all of this acquired skill could be incorporated into a viable approach to driving really well and really safely, while also having a whole lot of fun, on our beloved public roads.

I tell you this to clarify why I keep going to high performance driving schools as well as why I might be writing about all this for all of you.

Now About That Bucket List . . .

Advanced high performance driving training is generally a bucket list item for us less-than-entirely-crazy enthusiasts who have neither the requisite recklessness nor the budget to go racing. The training seems a little expensive, it looks like a lot of fun, and it sure seems self-indulgent, a special kind of sensory adventure in some really awesome cars that also makes for some excellent bragging rights ("Well, there I was, you see..."), maybe a once-in-a-lifetime driving experience that permits us to at least pretend we're as crazy as the racers we know.

But that bucket-list quality masks a couple of attributes of this training that are actually quite important for *all* of us as drivers on the open road. We're so busy having our once-in-a-lifetime fun when we're doing it that we usually fail to notice we're actually learning quite a bit that may prove to be very useful for us. First, we get exposed to some vitally important exercises for the mastery of car control. Second, we get to practice these exercises, at least a little, hopefully enough to embed them in our reflexes and muscle memory for a year or so.

After we finish that training and exercise and are given our autographed certificate and framed-photo-plus-sweg-bag, we head off down the road, mostly oblivious to what this training might mean for us on the public road, where everybody seems to drive really slowly. And so, we sadly set our training aside, a bucket-list item that's been checked off and is now in the rear-view mirror. Time to get out of this wretched traffic and pick up the brochures for Bora Bora...

About John Fitch . . .

For those of you who don't know, John Fitch was, along with being a top-notch American racecar driver in the 1950s and 60s for Briggs Cunningham, Mercedes-Benz, and Chevrolet Corvette, a *major* contributor to the field of automobile safety. And, in the early 1960s, at a safety conference at West Point, he pointed out

to the auto safety community that racing was like driving in a state of sustained emergency. He noted that if we wanted to study and learn about emergency driving skills, all we had to do was study and learn about racing skills, because they are essentially the same thing. This is actually a quite profound observation.

But, unfortunately, this is also part of a driving worldview that never got accepted by the auto safety community. In fact, that community has, since the 1960s, essentially given up on any notion of driving excellence for the general public. They have instead demonized us drivers as reckless, incompetent, and irresponsible. The way they see it, training us to deal with emergencies would be recklessly negligent and would only make matters worse. So, the only driving training generally available for us is introductory in scope, teaching us just enough to maybe drive to the store safely, once. If the weather is good and the traffic is light.

This means that John Fitch's insight gets used only occasionally now, in some obscure bucket-list training for upper middle class adult delinquents (that'd be us). Nonetheless, it is a true insight, and, done well, it really works. If we tackle the learning needed to handle a car at speed, we also teach ourselves how to handle a car in an emergency. That latter skill, coupled with numerous other ones also arising out of studying how to drive at speed, can really reduce our risk of crashing, throughout our driving life.

And Here's Why You Should Consider Taking This Training

There are three primary reasons why we might want to be really good at driving. First, we can dramatically reduce our individual risk of crashing (by up to maybe 90%) by knowing, among other things, how to avoid

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emergencies and/or control our car when caught up in them. Second, we can significantly reduce the amount of money we waste, by making far fewer stupid/costly mistakes with cars as well as simply driving them way better and more efficiently. Finally, we can have a great deal more fun in our lives, especially the part we spend in our cars, believe it or not.

Meanwhile, it is axiomatic in education that to get good at *anything*, we need to study it and practice it on an ongoing basis. There *are* no shortcuts around these dual requirements for study and for practice. So here's the thing with cars: places to study and practice what we need to know in order to deal with emergencies, and the conditions that lead up to them, are extremely rare in the United States. Happily, the Jaguar Performance Driving Academy is one of them. I think it does a very good job.

So, here's what I would do, if I was a JANE member or Significant Other who had never done anything like this before: I'd take Jaguar's Level 1 class.

I'd then go home, absorb what I'd learned and try to practice my road driving, make it better, smoother, safer, especially in my eyes, hands, feet, and backside.

I'd then try to take Level 2 within six months. By the time you complete Level 2 you will have begun to learn how to manage skids, how to drive in high-speed formation, how to master some of the primary looking skills we need, and how to brake. Pretty good going, when you think about it.

Then I'd keep practicing and studying my driving on the public road, not trying to go quickly, but to go gracefully and efficiently through the use of reflex responses. I'd also work on noticing my mistakes, and then trying to reduce the number of them I inflict on the road-going public.

Then, in about a year, I'd take Level 2 again, just to brush up.

Maybe I'd enter a slalom.

If I'm really getting into it, I might even try a track day, too. Just for fun.

And to learn, of course.

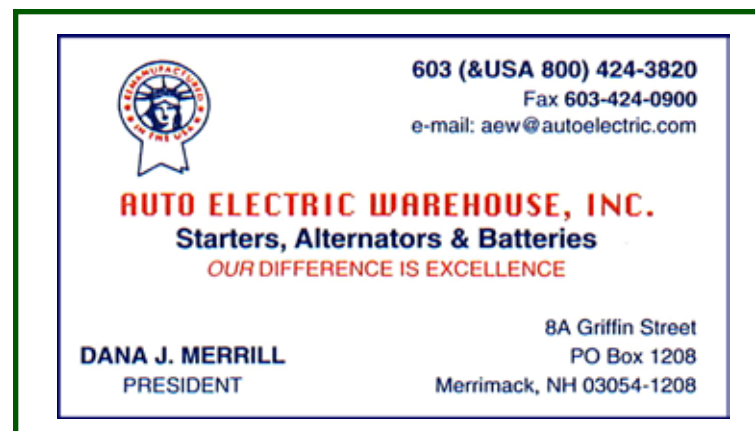
The important thing is to *keep up your learning*, to practice smooth, conflict-free reflexive driving on the road, and to polish up your emergency skills at least once a year, repeating Level 2, maybe even trying Level 3 (it's not hard, remember) when you're feeling adventurous. Interestingly, the fastest student (by quite a bit) at the Level 2 and Level 3 classes I attended was an older guy like me who has been doing these classes annually since 2004. Education works! Who knew?


And remember, we're all members of JANE. That means that generally, we *really* like cars, especially comfortable, beautiful, and fast ones from England. We love their sensory qualities, their history, and their



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ambiance. So for us, especially, it should be a point of pride to drive our Jaguars really well, as well as we possibly can, the way those great cars deserve!

And by doing all of this learning stuff, which is *far* cheaper and more pleasant than paying for wrecked cars, attorneys, hospitals, meds, and physical rehab, we can transcend the gloomy prognostications of the auto safety community, simply rising above their League of Mediocrity altogether. *We can* learn to drive with excellence. *We can* dramatically reduce our risk of crashing. And *we can* have loads of bucket-list-quality fun doing it. I really urge you to consider it.

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Proposed Museum Dedicated to New England Motor Sports History

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The nonprofit group Racing History Preservation Group, Inc. has launched a campaign for a proposed 20,000 square-foot facility on the property of New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, New Hampshire. Called the North East Motor Sports Museum, it will house a collection of cars, trophies, photos, and other automobilia related to New England racing. It will include a library for books and magazines as well as a theater that will run racing videos. The museum will have a permanent collection and will contract with other museums to display temporary material for a limited time.

Currently the Racing History Preservation Group, Inc. is accepting monetary donations to help finance construction and race-related donations to fill the facility. One way to donate is by purchasing the new book *A History of Auto Racing in New England*. Net proceeds from its sale go to support the museum. Another way to donate is through the Buy A Brick campaign. For \$300 one can buy a brick and have a name, message, or logo etched on it. Sold bricks will be made into an interior wall of the museum.

Anyone with race cars or race-related material with New England racing history is also encouraged to donate those items to the museum. Donated exhibit items keep museum expenses down before, during, and after construction.

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We will depart from Johnson's Restaurant in Groton, Massachusetts on Saturday morning, May 23rd. You will get route sheets that morning with clues to follow to get you to the "mystery" destination. Your route sheets will contain no street signs, no route numbers, no town names. You will find your way by following the clues along beautiful New England back roads, all paved, no dirt. It is not a timed event, you are on your own schedule, and the distance is such that you should be able to arrive at the inn by mid-to-late afternoon in plenty of time for the cocktail reception before dinner. There will be things to look for and questions to answer along the way, which will go toward awards at the evening's festivities.

Since you cannot know in advance where we will all gather at the end of the day, obviously you cannot make your own overnight reservations. But as soon as you register for the event, we will make sure you are booked into the mystery destination inn. The package cost for the weekend, per couple, is \$380. This includes the Saturday evening cocktail reception, dinner, double-occupancy room, breakfast Sunday morning, and all associated taxes and gratuities. This package rate for the event also includes a small assessment per participant for the event rally plates, awards, and other tour-related expenses incurred by your tour organizers. The only additional charge for you will be your own bar tab for the cocktail reception and dinner. For anyone who thinks you might want to stay over an additional night, separate from the JANE event, please call or email Dennis or Prebble and we can work out those reservations and financial arrangements for you.

If you've not participated in an MMT in the past, it's best that you go to the JANE website and read the event reports for the tours that ran in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013. The photos tend to tell the story of the fun to be had. The 2009 Event Report also has a link to that year's actual route sheet, which will give you an idea of the kinds of instructions to expect. And there is more complete information on the upcoming 2015 MMT on the events calendar on the JANE website, including the 2015 Magical Mystery Tour General Instructions (under Event Details, click for Additional Information).

You may register for the Magical Mystery Tour online on the JANE website. Your registration must be made, and we must receive your check (made payable to Dennis Eklof) by April 22 in order to reserve your place in the 2015 MMT. In the meantime, if you have any questions that are not answered here or on the website, call or email Dennis (508-878-9510 – dennis.eklof@verizon.net) or Prebble (617-877-5825 – prebble.eklof@verizon.net).



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